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Dear Mr. Jordan,

I am writing in response to the above referenced complaint, which was addressed to Mr. David Shifrin, our Artistic Director. The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center is a not for profit arts organization incorporated in 1969 under the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York, formed for the purpose of stimulating and supporting the performance and composition of chamber music by presenting public concerts, by commissioning and performing new works of chamber music, and by sponsoring or arranging for the reproduction of chamber music performances for television, radio, recording, and other like means of public presentation. The Society has no political affiliations.

As part of our concert offerings, we have presented for the last five years a series of concerts and events entitled *Con Brio*. In the current season, the *Con Brio* program consists of three concerts, each followed by a post-concert party, together with two "sneak preview" evenings of other programs in our regular repertoire. The *Con Brio* series was created with the intention of developing a younger audience, giving them an opportunity to meet and talk outside of the concert hall in order to help them better feel a part of the chamber music experience.

In order to expand and broaden our audience base, from time to time we employ Enertex Marketing, Inc. to handle the selection process and provide us with a demographically targeted mailing list. To the best of our knowledge, all information provided to us by Enertex is drawn from information in the public domain.

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We believe that The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center is not in violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 and that no action should be taken against us in this matter. We will be happy to provide you with any further information that you may feel is relevant to this matter.

Sincerely,

Norma Hurlburt Executive Director